ingredient in proprietary products. Proprietary food means a food which has not been standardized under PFA Rules, 1955 and Gutka is marketed as proprietary food.

(c) and (d) The draft rules are based on the recommendations of Central Committee for Food Standards, a statuary Committee constituted under PFA Act, 1954, which has representives from States/UTs.

(e) The objections and suggestions have been invited from on the proposed draft amendments which would be considered by the Central Government before the notification is finalized.

Funds for SVIMS and NIMS

1273. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released the funds to Shri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) and Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Andhra Pradesh upon the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (c) Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), *inter alia* there is a proposal for upgradation of Sri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati and Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, with a total outlay of Rs. 180 Crores approximately, to the level of proposed AIIMS like Institution. The PMSSY Scheme has been cleared by the Expenditure Finance Committee and Committee of Secretaries (COS) and is being processed for placing before Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for approval.

Clinical trials

1274. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Starred Question 143 replied in Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether there is any provision in Schedule-Y which ensure a level of safety for clinical trials in India in the context of removal of time lag between clinical trials in India and outside; and